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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN-IRAQI RELATIONS

1. EGYPTIAN AMB NAGGAR SAYS EGYPT CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE JOINT CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI. NOV 13 VISIT BY SADAT'S PERSONAL ENVOY ASHRAF MARWAN, WHO MET BOTH PRESIDENT AL-BAKR AND SADDAM HUSSEIN, WAS SPECIFICALLY TO INFORM GOI OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. IRAQIS WERE APPRECIATIVE EVEN THOUGH THEY CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THERE HAS BEEN NO BASIC CHANGE IN USG POLICY.

2. NAGGAR SAID GOI CESSATION OF ANTI-SAUDI PROPAGANDA IS ONE OF BENEFITS OF NEW POLICY OF CONSULTATIONS. IN ADDITION, GOI LEADERS HAVE BETTER COMPREHENSION OF U.S. POLICY AND ARE NOT SO DEMOGOGIC IN CRITICIZING IT. HE CITED EXAMPLE FROM RABAT SUMMIT WHEN SYRIA WAS CRITICIZING EGYPT FOR GOING ALONG WITH USG

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EFFORTS WHICH IT ALLEGED WERE TO DIVIDE EGYPT AND SYRIA. IRAQI DEL HAD SPOKEN IN EGYPT'S FAVOR SAYING IF SYRIA DIDN'T WANT

TO FOLLOW ARAB STRATEGY IT SHOULD ADOPT IRAQI POLICY OF REFUSING
TO TALK WITH USG. OTHERWISE IT SHOULD BE QUIET. SYRIANS HAD
NOT RAISED MATTER AGAIN.

3. NAGGAR BELIEVES CONSULTATIONS MAY ALSO EVENTUALLY
HAVE SOME INFLUENCE ON IRAQI-IRANIAN CONFLICT. HE CITED RECENT
VISIT OF IRAQI MINISTER OF INFO TARIQ AZIZ TO
AMMAN WHICH HAD BEEN TO BRIEF KING HUSSEIN, ONE OF
FOUR REPS ON ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE FOR IRAQI-IRANIAN CONFLICT,
ON BACKGROUND OF KURDISH CONFLICT AND OTHER DIFFERENCES
WITH IRAN. LOWRIE

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